• San Francisco defense attorneys argued that prison inmates were "paid off" in early paroles to testify against the two surviving "Soledad Brothers" who are charged with killing a guard in 1970. John W. Clutchette and Fleeta Drumgo are accused of beating a guard and hurling his body over a third-floor tier at Soledad on Jan. 13, 1970.

• In East St. Louis, Ill, a suit has been filed in U.S. District Court challenging a federal prison rule barring inmates from sending letters to the news media or being interviewed by reporters. Named as plaintiffs are four inmates at the Federal Correctional Institution at Marion, Ill, and Miss Jessica Mitford.

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